

Happy Thanksgiving

Since the Collegian will not be coming out tomorrow or the rest of the week, we wish you an early Turkey Day. Enjoy the break!



Football press conference

Check the Collegian's Web site, *kstate-collegian.com*, for more information regarding the announcement of a new football coach today.

Online tomorrow

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Snyder  
to be  
named  
coach

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Bill Snyder, whose turnaround of Kansas State has been called “the Miracle in Manhattan,” has told school officials he’ll return to coach the Wildcats again.

A person with knowledge of the hiring told The Associated Press that the 69-year-old Snyder would be introduced at a news conference Monday morning. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcement had been made.

Snyder retired three years ago after taking the losingest program in major college football history and turning it into a winner, an achievement that many in



SNYDER

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Cargill  
donates  
a million  
dollars

By Sarah Rajewski  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With a \$1 million contribution by Cargill, K-State will be able to further emphasize diversity on campus and for future students.

The company gave the gift to the Office of Diversity and Dual Career Development to establish the Cargill Project Impact Diversity Partnership, according to a recent press release.

Myra Gordon, associate provost of diversity and dual career development, said Cargill has a long-standing relationship with K-State and has consistently supported many of its strategic initiatives.

Gordon said the contribution started developing two years ago when a proposal for the recruitment and retention of more diverse students was put

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Students  
work in  
EMS

By Annie Dwyer  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Working in the Emergency Medical Service is a rewarding, yet demanding job for full-time students who are also responsible for their grades, family and other obligations. For those full-time paramedics, there is little time to eat and sleep, not to mention study.

Melissa Fleming works in EMS as a paramedic, and her work week alone ranges from 48 to 72 hours, with a 60-hour average. Fleming is also a full-time student, and a single parent; she uses vacation days for school.

“I was actually going to a four-year college when I decided EMS was more fun,” said Fleming, senior in life science. “I dropped out of college to be an EMT and paramedic, and now I’m back in college.”

Fleming works for Riley County EMS, which is owned by Riley County, and operated by Mercy Regional Medical Center. In addition to their regular duties and hours, Riley County EMS works all K-State events. This includes the first-aid stations at sporting events like football and basketball games. Not only is there always something to do, but Fleming said the variety of work keeps EMTs on their toes.

“The best part is the diversity in the work and being able to feel good about a job, while making a difference in people’s lives,” she said.

Time management is difficult, but Fleming said spending 24 consecutive hours away from family is more so. She begins her day with exercise at 5:30 a.m. After helping her son get ready for school, they both head off for class at 8:30 a.m. On work days, Fleming leaves her classes for EMS in the early afternoon and will work until 7 in the morning the next day. On her days off, she spends most of her time with her son and studying, before the process starts all over.

“I’m done in December, and I’ll be happy,” Fleming said. “It’s been a long road, but it’s well worth it.”

Fleming will graduate in December, and plans to attend graduate school to become a nurse anesthetist.

Patrick Steele has a similar story; he is an EMT-Intermediate at Riley County EMS. Patrick works a 16-30 hours or more each week, while taking 14 credit hours. Steele said some days are hectic and based on uncertainty because life is unpredictable.

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ABOVE: **Melissa Flemming**, senior in life science works full time as a parametric between taking care of her son and attending her classes. She works as up to 72 hours a week at the Riley County EMS.

BELOW: **Flemming and Patrick Steele**, junior in life sciences, sit back of the ambulance where most of their life saving assistance occurs.



KSU fine arts student presents ‘contained’ work for master’s degree thesis



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Perusing the gallery in the Union, **Anne Robinson**, sophomore in architecture, stands between two of the pieces of art.

By Steven Miller  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Machiko Yamazaki presented her master’s thesis exhibit, “Containment,” a series of sculptures, on Friday in the William T. Kemper Art Gallery.

Inside the gallery itself one couldn’t help but think of the work of painter Piet Mondrian, paintings of solid colors contained by straight black lines. Here, the media were slip-casting and glaze, and the lines of

division were actual wood frames and plexiglass.

Slip-casting is a method of mass producing pottery by first making a cast and then pouring in liquid clay. Yamazaki’s molds imitate the symmetry of nature, juxtaposing it with the much more rigid symmetry of human constructions.

“I chose slip-casting mainly because of the quantity of the pieces I needed to create,” explained Yamazaki. “Also, the result is cleaner as long as the mold is clean.”

Yamazaki’s pieces were glazed various pastel hues, soft reds and greens, on the black wood background. Each piece reflects a natural form, plump sea shells and dimpled eggs on the verge of cracking open. Within each black box is a kind of suppressed activity in waiting.

“I researched curio cabinets and collecting habits – why people collect and how they categorize,” Yamazaki said. “‘Containment’ goes even further. It’s how I see the universe – ordered or-

ganically by atoms and cells – and how everything has to be in the right order to construct this universe. We apply the same order to information, knowledge, ideas, and we organize it in the same ways.”

For two hours, Yamazaki stayed in the gallery to answer questions about her art.

Jason Harper, senior in fine arts, said, “The pieces are obviously contained within the boxes, but also each box is containing the others.”



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Crime doesn't pay, but it can be funny

POLICE ARREST 'BUTT BANDIT'

OMAHA, Neb. — Police have arrested a man suspected of leaving greasy, graphic imprints on the windows of stores, churches and schools in a small Nebraska town. A 35-year-old man was caught in the act by police early Wednesday morning, Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott said Friday. The man hasn't been charged yet, but authorities believe he is the vandal some townsfolk have dubbed the "Butt Bandit." Beginning in spring of 2007, a mystery vandal visited businesses at night, pressing his naked behind — sometimes his groin, sometimes both — on windows. The marks were made with lotion or petroleum jelly, and while police had earlier worried copycat criminals were getting involved, Scott said they now believe it's "the act of a lone deviant."

GRANNY TURNS TO CRIME

CINCINNATI — Police in Ohio have arrested a 68-year-old woman on a bank robbery charge — and they want to know if she's the so-called "Granny Robber" they've been seeking since last May. Police in the southwest Ohio town of Franklin say a woman handed a note to a teller in a Huntington Bank branch Friday and made off with an undisclosed amount of money. Officers said Barbara Joly of Middletown was arrested a short time later and they say she fit the description of the woman who robbed the bank. Investigators say Joly had sunglasses and a scarf with her. They won't say if those items were worn by the robber in Friday's bank holdup, but that is how an older woman was dressed during four bank robberies in the area since May. — Yahoo.com

THE PLANNER | CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The College of Business will have an orientation session for students interested in going to Italy this summer at 3:30 p.m. today in Calvin 217.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Najwa Al Hosani at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Bluemont 257.

K-State TV will air a three-hour special presentation called "JAZZATHON" at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings through November. "JAZZATHON" is a showcase of the area's best jazz artists featuring K-State music faculty, students and guests. The program promises a blend of jazz styles and performances.

During the month of November, Recreational Services is offering a one-hour nutritional analysis for half price. Have your current dietary habits analyzed and create goals and plans to achieve a healthy diet for weight loss or gain. The cost is \$7.50 for K-State students and \$10 for Rec facility members. Purchase your analysis in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Emily Lehning at 1 p.m. Dec. 1 in Bluemont 368.

THURSDAY

Wendy Kaye Montgomery, 610 Vattier St., was arrested at 10:17 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$322.

Stanley Raymone Beard, Topeka, was arrested for contempt of court. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Ebony Autumn Ragan, Junction City, was arrested at 3:20 p.m. for theft and forgery. Bond was set at \$3,000.

John Ernie Emmi Jr., Chugiak, Alaska, was arrested at 4 p.m. for taking or dealing in wildlife and hunting without a license. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Jessica Lashae Lacey, 2215 College Ave, Apt. E220, was arrested at 11:35 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Laresha I'Shawn Smith, Junction City, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

FRIDAY

Chaunda Michelle Godwin, Junction City, was arrested at 1:17 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$199.

Tyler James Weigel, 1199 S. Manhattan Ave., was arrested at 2:23 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

TUESDAY'S WEATHER

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# Weatherproofing during winter months necessary

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- CAR NECESSITIES:
- Non-perishable and high-calorie foods

First-aid kit

Jumper cables

Flashlight

Portable radio

Extra batteries

Extra set of car keys

Ice scraper/snowbrush

Small tool kit

Extra clothing and footwear per person

One gallon of water per person per day

Candle and small tin can for melting snow for water

Road flares or warning lights

Blankets or sleeping bags for everyone

Waterproof matches

Piece of bright cloth to tie to antenna

Cash, travelers checks or credit cards

Non-electric can-opener

Utility knife

Small snow shovel

Bag of abrasive material for tire traction (sand, salt or cat litter)

Gloves or mittens

Any prescription medications

Map of area to locate shelters

HOW TO DRIVE ON ICY HILLS:

Keep enough distance between you and the car ahead to allow time to slow down, stop or maneuver around obstacles.

Proceed down the hill as slowly as possible.

Minimize use of brakes but if necessary gently squeeze the brakes to avoid locking the wheels and skidding.

HOW TO DRIVE SAFELY IN SNOW:

Drive slowly and cautiously.

Keep headlights on low beam.

Stay in lanes that were most recently cleared.

Avoid changing lanes.

HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE:

Check windshield wiper blades to be sure they work properly.

Have a mechanic check anti-freeze/coolant to provide the correct level of protection .

Make sure tires are properly inflated to ensure proper gripping action.

Keep gas tank at least half full to reduce moisture problems in fuel system and to add weight.

In rear-wheel drive vehicles, extra weight in the back can help but be sure that it is secured.

Remove snow from all windows, rear view mirrors, headlights and brake lights.

Remove snow from shoes before getting into vehicles. As it melts it creates moisture build-up.

HOW TO GET OUT OF A FRONT-WHEEL SKID:

Continue to look in your path of travel.

Take foot off brake and ease foot off of gas pedal.

If the front wheels have turned prior to loss of traction, do not move the steering wheel.

As soon as traction returns, you will be able to steer the vehicle again.

Steer gently in the direction of travel and smoothly accelerate to safe speed.

WHAT TO DO WHEN STUCK IN SNOW:

Tie a brightly colored cloth to antenna for rescuers to see.

Only use your car's heater for 10 minutes every hour.

Keep exhaust pipe clear.

Leave overhead light on when engine is running.

Keep moving arms and legs for circulation and warmth.

Open one window away from blowing wind to let in air.

Take turns sleeping.

After the snow stops falling, raising the car hood to indicate you need help.



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

A lot of winter equipment, like ice scrapers, de-icer and warm clothes — as well as knowledge of how to drive in winter weather — are important during cold months.

HOW TO GET OUT OF A REAR-WHEEL SKID:

Continue to look in your path of travel.

Steer in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.

Take foot off the brake and ease off the gas pedal if the rear wheels lose traction due to rear-wheel drive.

Continue to steer to avoid a rear-wheel skid in the opposite direction.

As the vehicle straightens, shift gears to the appropriate driving speed and accelerate gently.

HOW TO AVOID HITTING DEER:

Look far down roads and scan roadsides.

Deer travel in herds so be ready for more than one.

Do not lose control of the vehicle or veer into oncoming traffic because of deer.

—Compiled by Natalie Crane

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# The dumbing of America

## Many U.S. citizens fail civics tests

Before reading this article, if you're near a computer, go to [americancivilliteracy.org](http://americancivilliteracy.org) and take the quiz. Then, feel free to compare your results to the statistics provided.

As U.S. citizens, we feel we are well versed in our nation's history and knowledgeable of its laws and practices. However, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute recently found – for the third year in a row – that a great number of Americans know very little about this nation's history and government workings.

According to [americancivilliteracy.org](http://americancivilliteracy.org), of the over 2,500 randomly selected Americans who took the 33-question test, 1,700 failed. The average score was a depressing 49 percent. Possibly even more frightening is the average score of the elected officials that were surveyed: 44 percent. That means, of course, that the average person, according to this quiz, is actually more versed in American history and the government than those they have chosen to speak for them.

Only 0.8 percent of those who took the test were able to achieve a score greater than or equal to 90 percent, or what would be considered an "A."

Those surveyed who held a bachelor's degree had an average score of just 57 percent, just 13 percentage points higher than those surveyed who only had a high school diploma. Yet, 74 percent of those with bachelor's degrees and 72 percent of those with high school diplomas that took the quiz believe that college should teach our heritage.

Some of the results are simply awe striking. More than twice as many people knew that Paula Abdul is a judge on American Idol than knew that

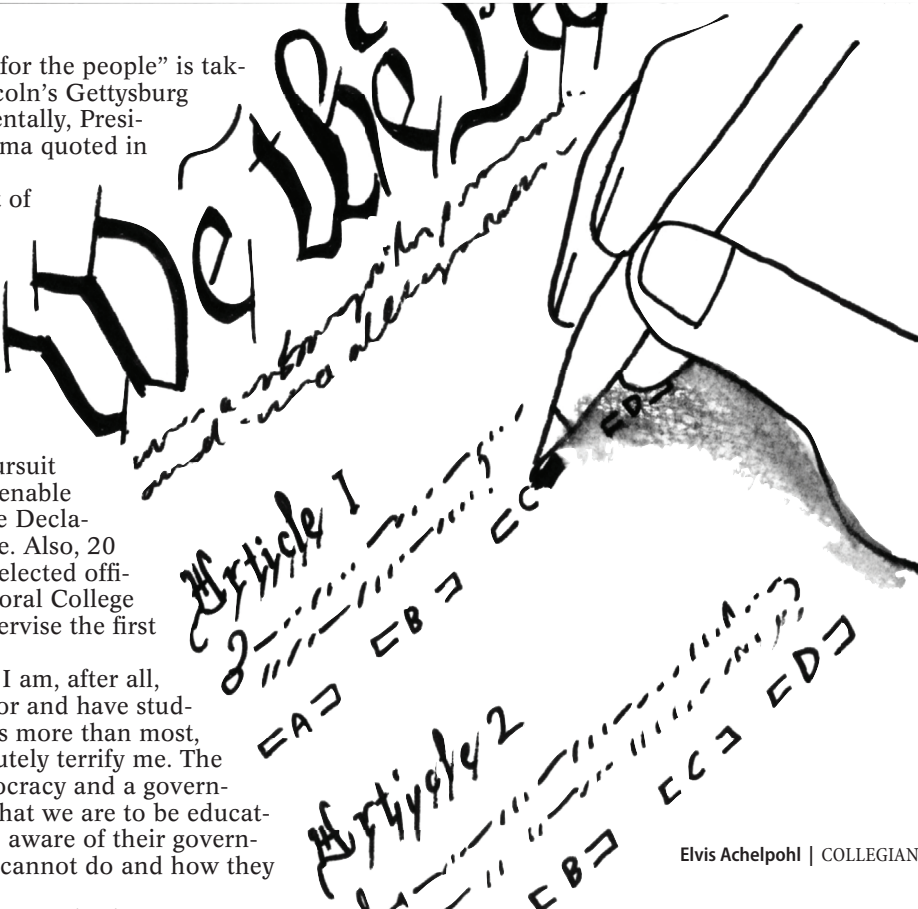
the quote "government of the people, by the people, for the people" is taken from President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, that, coincidentally, President-elect Barack Obama quoted in his acceptance speech.

Almost 40 percent of people surveyed believe that the president has the right to declare war, when he or she doesn't. Of those elected officials who took the quiz, 30 percent were unaware that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are inalienable rights referred to in the Declaration of Independence. Also, 20 percent of these same elected officials thought the Electoral College was established to supervise the first presidential debates.

I might be biased; I am, after all, a political science major and have studied a lot of these things more than most, but these results absolutely terrify me. The entire concept of democracy and a government of the people is that we are to be educated. Citizens have to be aware of their government: what it can and cannot do and how they can effect it.

The framers of the Constitution were nervous about entrusting too much power to the masses, as an uneducated bunch of voters will do much more harm than good, but in those days people did everything they could to learn about current events and stay involved in their state and local governments alike.

The problem facing this nation is no small one. At an increasing rate, Americans are becoming oblivious to the details of government and its inner workings. People are being misguided and



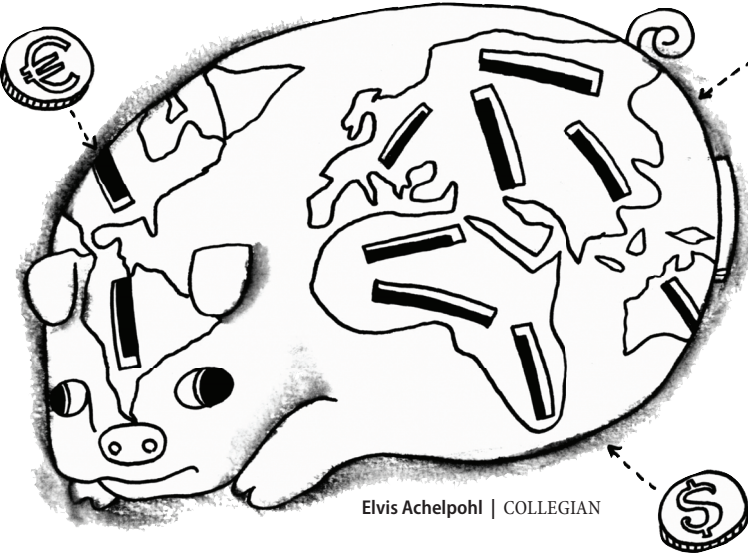
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dumbed down by television and the atrocious shows it tries to pass off as news.

So America, do us all a favor: Pick up a newspaper, or a book for that matter, and learn something.

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# Longterm, immediate goals both good for world economy



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MOLLY HAMM

The G20 meeting brought the world's most advanced and emerging economies to-

gether to begin a dialogue about how to address the global economic crisis and the instability it has wrought. A key issue surrounding the discussion was the balance between emergency aid and long-term development projects, both of which require significant resources and capital.

While the congregated economies were urged to contribute to global financial security in a manner that best suited their capacities, developing countries are in tremendous need of assistance from wealthy

er nations. World Bank President Robert Zoellick said, "Many developing countries are now at a dangerous tipping point. They need support. The financial rescue needs to be complemented by a human rescue."

The World Bank expects to lend \$35 billion this year, up from \$13.5 billion in 2007. Developed countries provide funds annually to international collaborative agencies based on the size of their economy and are increasingly being looked to for help in supporting not only the well-being of the world's poor but also their struggling economies.

The 2008 Humanitarian Response Index put forth by the Development Assistance Research Associates measured how the world's 23 largest donors deliver aid to countries needing support. According to the Washington Post, the U.S. ranked 13th in generosity based on economy size, 15th in overall effectiveness, and 22nd on adherence to OECD guidelines that "ensure that political considerations don't exclude worthy recipients of aid."

While the report's findings are largely based on humanitarian aid agencies in the field, it

does provide a notable glimpse into the tendency of the U.S. to favor military objectives over humanitarian ones.

In fact, as humanitarian aid dollars can be channeled through military projects, humanitarian aid workers are being exposed to dangerous conditions and potential militant attacks, as they are perceived as working on behalf of the armed forces. While military concerns are important for security purposes, people in desperate need of assistance are being left behind because of politics.

Countries and other donors to international causes are faced with two conflicting purposes – should funding go toward emergency humanitarian aid or long-term development projects? As emergency situations pop up around the world, long-term projects which most often lead to economic success can be pushed aside as immediate concerns are addressed.

It is important to recognize that both types of funding are crucial to the success and well-being of a country and its people.

Humanitarian relief efforts like the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs are invested in providing immediate-responses to emergencies and natural disasters.

Long-term development is automatically impeded when emergencies or disasters strike, and therefore they must be addressed quickly and effectively. Yet throwing money at countries to solve their problems will not provide the solid growth needed in the long-term.

Long-term development programs need to be funded so that developing countries can lift their communities out of poverty by strengthening health-care, education, civil society and more.

The two types of assistance needed are inextricably intertwined, and the United States should take a proactive role in providing funding to development initiatives which will provide for a stable global community.

As Dominic MacSorley, director of operations at Concern Worldwide said, "40 years of experience responding to some of the worst humanitarian disasters in the world's poorest countries have taught us that we must invest in long-term development if we have any hope of preventing emergencies and disasters in the future."

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# Editors share thanksgiving traditions

"Other than eating my aunts' delicious food and laughing a lot, my family doesn't have a real Thanksgiving tradition."

—Jacque Haag, News editor

"I plan on spending time with my family in Kansas City, Kan., re-

covering from mono, and basking in the glory of being engaged!"

— Sarah Burford, Campus editor

"I'm really looking forward to seeing my family and spending time with some old friends in Wichita."

— Hannah Blick, The Edge editor

"Eating lots and lots and lots of food."

— Brad Dornes, Sports editor

— Willow Williamson - Editor-in-chief

"Thanksgiving Day usually consists of my uncle having one too many drinks and making a pass at my broth-

er's fiance, as I lay on the couch laughing."

"Since I'm from a bi-cultural family we have a mixture of a Filipino, Soul food and traditional Thanksgiving feast -- collard greens, egg rolls, sweet

potato pie, fried rice."

— Sheila Ellis, Online/Multimedia editor

"I have never looked forward to a break as much as I am anticipating this one. My family rented a lake-house near Dallas."

— Eric Davis, Special Sections editor

### THE FOURUM

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We don't need the K-State Marching Band because we already have their CD.

A duck, a priest and an elephant walk into a bar. I don't remember the rest of the joke, but Josh Freeman is a horrible quarterback.

I just found a pair of black lace panties in the parking lot.

To the guy that threw a fit in my accounting class: blow me.

Two guys riding a moped always makes me chuckle.

What is up with the retards parked in front of Justin? It gets a little chilly outside, then these precious little girls need to be picked up.

They shouldn't make Victoria's Secret pants in an extra large.

Damn, Derb, you're looking fine today.

No, Panda Express food is not really made of real panda.

The band can have my \$4.

All I know is squirrels are really cute and adorable, so why are they plotting to take over the whole campus?

Why does Kansas have the most unpredictable weather that I've ever felt in my whole life?

Getting rid of the band is like shooting Willie.

I'm the friend that ordered the triple thick, and my friend doesn't know

how to use the Fourum.

The Fourum watches me pee, but it doesn't say thank you.

I think they need to leave that big crane up after they finish the parking garage, it really adds to the Manhattan skyline.



Check out our Web site for the rest of today's Fourum.

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# Shopping made easy

## Local stores' online sites help holiday gift buying go smoothly

By Autumn Shoemaker  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

If lines of people packed with screaming children and too-close bodies irritate you, then online shopping might be a solution.

Online shopping is on the rise nationally as an alternative for those who prefer the quiet of a home or for those who don't make it to a store before all the good holiday gifts are gone. Regardless of how shoppers feel about the holidays, there are plenty of reasons to examine online shopping as an option for everyday life.

There are certainly pros and cons to shopping both in stores and online.

Julie Haynes, co-owner of The Palace boutique in Aggieville, said people save time and energy by shopping online. And when customers shop online, they don't have to worry about parking.

Ashley VanSickle, junior in elementary education, said she has shopped online for DVDs of the 2006 K-State vs. Texas football game as Christmas presents in the past.

"Lots of times there are better deals if you order something online," she said.

Both Haynes and VanSickle said the Internet offers a greater variety than Manhattan's smaller range of stores.

"It's easy to get clothes from stores that we don't have here in Manhattan without driving all the way to Kansas City or Wichita," VanSickle said.

However, clothes are not the only items you can order online. Shoppers can buy just about anything, including books, furniture and jewelry, or they can even be the sellers of such items using Web sites like eBay, which are designed for individual seller-to-buyer transactions, or customer bidding. VanSickle said she is even considering looking online for textbooks in the future.

Unfortunately, while the Web offers a plethora of stores and goods, there are still steps that need to be taken to be cautious. Haynes warned that objects purchased online cannot be touched or tried on before paying for them.

"I like to see the quality of something," she said. "That includes how it's constructed and made and even its true colors."

Another aspect of online shopping that can be easily overlooked are shipping and handling fees. These are left to the buyer and are often non-refundable. Buyers often pay shipping for both directions if something purchased needs to be returned.

As always on the Internet, buyers need to be wary of the reliability of some sites. Retail sites should offer an 800 number to call and require only information that is necessary for the purchase.

The Palace offers shoppers a selection of items that you can't usually find in chain stores. Haynes said they look for one-of-a-kind and handmade items, all of which are also posted on the store's Web site, [thepalaceaggieville.com](http://thepalaceaggieville.com).

"We

just got the Web site started this year," Haynes said. "It's a constant work in progress."

The Palace does boast a wide variety of pajamas, robes and fleece wear of high quality, which Haynes said make great gifts.

"They are easy to ship and have less variation in sizes to worry about," she said.

The Palace also offers gift cards that can be purchased online and mailed to someone or used electronically with a code.

The local mall also offers online shopping for interested buyers. Its site, [www.manhattancenter.com](http://www.manhattancenter.com), contains a directory of all its stores, and retail stores that have Web sites provide links to their home pages.

Buyers also can purchase gift cards to the Town Center, both online or in person, which can be spent at any store in the mall, making them a popular and useful gift.

With an unsteady economy, many are hesitant to spend their money. In fact, Haynes said that their sales have decreased 5-6 percent as a result, adding that those figures seem to follow the national trend.

She said if you are concerned about the holidays, then stay in town and shop or shop online.

VanSickle said she plans to continue shopping online, especially through the holidays.

"It's easier than fighting all the crowds in the stores," she said. "People can be so crazy while shopping during the holidays."

### Cool sites

Many Web sites are dedicated solely to coupons, deals and codes for online shoppers. Both of the sites [dealcatcher.com](http://dealcatcher.com) and [couponcabin.com](http://couponcabin.com) provide online coupon codes for specific stores. Another page, [fatwallet.com](http://fatwallet.com), offers deals, coupons and price comparisons for shoppers, and [mahalo.com](http://mahalo.com) offers shoppers a tutorial on how to set up a Paypal account, which is an easy way to pay for online purchases. Most retail Web sites are very user-friendly and willing to work with buyers. The convenience that is offered by shopping online is an interesting alternative that allows shoppers a whole other world of venues.

### CELEB NEWS

#### SCREEN ACTORS GUILD TO ASK FOR STRIKE



Marathon talks between Hollywood's largest actors union and producers broke off early Saturday, with the Screen Actors Guild saying it will ask its members to authorize a strike.

SAG's contract with Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers expired June 30 with the two sides unable to agree on how actors would be paid when movies and TV shows are distributed through "new media," such as mobile phones and the Internet.

"As previously authorized by the national board of directors, we will now launch a full-scale education campaign in support of a strike authorization referendum," SAG said in a statement Saturday.

There was no mention of when a strike referendum might be called.

"Let's review the facts: SAG is the only major Hollywood guild that has failed to negotiate a labor deal in 2008," the producers' group said in a Saturday statement. "Now, SAG is bizarrely asking its members to bail out the failed negotiating strategy with a strike vote — at a time of historic economic crisis. The tone-deafness of SAG is stunning."

SAG and AMPTP representatives came together under the guidance of a federal mediator Thursday for their first talks since July. The effort ended at 1 a.m. Saturday after 27 hours of talks.

The producers' alliance has demanded that SAG accept terms similar to those in contracts concluded over the past year with six other unions representing writers, directors, stagehands, casting directors and a smaller actors union.

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#### ACTOR LLOYD'S HOME DESTROYED IN FIRE



Christopher Lloyd picked through the charred remnants of his Montecito, Calif., home Monday morning, resigning himself to the fact it cannot be rebuilt.

The "Back to the Future" and "Taxi" star showed ABC's "Good Morning America" what remained of his \$11 million home in the exclusive celebrity neighborhood northwest of Los Angeles.

"Boy, look at that," Lloyd said as he approached the rubble. "All this happens in a couple of minutes."

Lloyd's home was among dozens of homes lost in wildfires in Southern California.

The "Tea Fire" which started at the privately owned Tea Garden Estate, about a mile north of Santa Barbara's Westmont College, ripped through an area that Oprah Winfrey, Michael Douglas, Rob Lowe and other celebrities call home.

Lloyd told "Good Morning America" that it was "just sort of sinking in" that his home was gone for good.

"It's amazing, it's just gone," Lloyd told "Good Morning America." "Rebuilding would be — it's too much. You can't rebuild that."

The home's windows were blown out, entire sections demolished, and piles of concrete, ash trees and shrubbery were scattered across the property.

"You watch TV, you see these kinds of incidents happening here and there, but you look with a kind of detachment because it's happening ... elsewhere," he told "Good Morning America." "But suddenly to be in the midst of it — it's a very different awareness."

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#### 'IDOL' CHAMP EYES LONG-TERM SUCCESS

Barely six months after being crowned the winner of "American Idol," David Cook has released his self-titled debut album, which includes songs about his family.

The Missouri native described the recording process as "squeezing a year's worth of work on a record into 2 and a half months."

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### MOVIE REVIEW

## Vampire flick holds up to expectations; will entertain most fans, frustrate others

### "Twilight"

★★★★☆

Movie review by Eden Lehr

On Friday, the first installment of the "Twilight" saga was brought to the silver screen, finally sating the grueling anticipation and waiting for millions of fans. Followers finally have something more to obsess about.

The awkward and shy Isabella Swan (Kristen Stewart) moves to cold and cloudy Forks, Wash., only to find a family of vampires and fall in love with the handsome but deadly Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). The story follows the young lovers on their quest to be together, and ultimately, stay alive.

I've always been a big fan of movies that are created and inspired by books.

It is exciting to watch stories develop on screen as interpreted by someone else and the characters you've fallen in love with given faces, voices and backgrounds. For me, "Twilight" was no different.

For someone who hasn't read the book, "Twilight" would still be fairly entertaining. It has

action, romance and surprisingly, quite a bit of humor. My worst fear was that it would be cheesy. And with the exception of a few scenes that I could have done without, it was driven toward an older audience as well as the younger crowd.

Of course, with millions of fans around the world, we are all bound to be skeptical, and some will be disappointed. There's only so much a movie can have that follows the book.

But "Twilight" followed the book quite closely, only stirring off to better explain plot points or editing scenes to have the story flow smoother. Overall, I was satisfied, and it was entertaining all the way through.

For someone who has read the book, the atmosphere of the movie is incredibly different than that of the book. The book was driven by details and intimacy, and while the movie had its share of these points, it was also fast-paced and filled with humor. And thankfully, the humor was actually funny and not amateur. And as a big fan of the book series, there were things I could do without and things I thought were right on.

My first thought when

the movie ended was: Edward was perfect.

I know this is a highly controversial statement to make, but I've been a fan of the idea of Robert Pattinson playing Edward Cullen since the first time I heard he would. And for me, every emotion, every line and every scene was delivered just the way I thought it should. The only thing missing for me was his cute British accent.

As for the rest of the characters, like Bella's dad, Charlie Swan (Billy Burke), the vicious tracker James (Cam Gigandet) and Edward's quirky sister, Alice (Ashley Greene), I thought their interpretations were very well done.

Stewart was able to capture the awkwardness and clumsy nature of Isabella — however the dramatic scenes were a bit too over-the-top.

As for Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), Edward's soon-to-be rival, I couldn't stop laughing at his black wig long enough to create an opinion of his portrayal skills. As for Bella's high school friends, they were just that: high school.

In several of the interviews I've watched that featured Stephanie Mey-



er, the author of the "Twilight" series, she has said she always saw "Twilight" played out like a movie in her head.

Well, with Meyer contributing to the film and even making a cameo in one scene, it's safe to as-

sume she is satisfied with the outcome of her book adaptation.

Some fans will love it, some will hate it, but for me, it was an entertaining live-action ride of a story I love, and I would not hesitate to see it again.





## FOOTBALL | K-STATE 38, IOWA STATE 30

### MVP

Quarterback **Josh Freeman** threw for 279 yards and 4 touchdowns. The 4 touchdown passes tied a school record. Freeman also ran the ball 11 times for 62 yards.

### NUMBER TO REMEMBER

**626** | This weekend's game was the second week in a row and the third time this season that the Wildcat defense allowed more than 600 yards of offense. The difference from the previous weeks, K-State was victorious.

### QUOTE OF THE GAME

**Josh Freeman** | *On whether or not this was his last game:* "There's a lot that goes into that, so I can't give you a clear-cut answer. I don't know. I see myself as a junior; I see myself coming back. It was all about the seniors today, it was all about sharing the moment with those guys."



# Victory and farewell

## Wildcats defeat of Cyclones joyous at season's end

By Mike DeVader  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Seconds after K-State ended a five-game losing streak by beating the Iowa State Cyclones 38-30, senior defensive end Ian Campbell jogged with his teammates to the student section and the band, jumped on the podium and conducted the Wildcat fight song.

The postgame antics symbolized the Wildcats ending the 2008 season, the careers of 20 Wildcats and the tenure of the Ron Prince regime, on a good note.

"Joy," Campbell said about his postgame actions. "It was a neat feeling to be able to be up there; the band has always been an amazing part of K-State and I think the fans are awesome too."

"I appreciate everybody there being here early for the seniors and staying until the very end of the game," he said.

K-State (5-7, 2-6 Big 12 Conference) tasted victory for the first time in more than a month, and notched a win at Snyder Family Stadium for the first time since late September when they escaped the grasp of an upset-minded Louisiana squad.

"These seniors have been through a lot," Prince said. "Very satisfying for the coaches and for the seniors. These seniors will probably be a group that will be very successful because they've seen a lot of ups and downs."

The Wildcat offense also looked like a rollercoaster against the Cyclones as well, as junior quarterback Josh Freeman flung the ball around the gridiron for 279 yards and a career-high four scores.

Three of Freeman's touchdowns came in the opening half, including a beautiful pass over the heads of two Cyclone defenders into the waiting arms of Deon



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Senior defensive end **Ian Campbell** raises his helmet to the crowd after the Wildcats' victory against Iowa State Saturday evening with the rest of the team at his sides and behind him. This was Campbell's as well as 19 other Wildcats' last game playing for K-State.

Murphy for a 44-yard score.

Freeman was held to 34 yards through the air in the second half. Junior speedster Brandon Banks also etched his name in the K-State history books when he went over 1,000 yards receiving on the season, becoming only the sixth wide out to surpass the century mark in a year, the second junior and 23rd Wildcat ever to do so, on his way to a 116 yard and one score day.

Iowa State (2-10, 0-8 Big 12) finished their season with a gruesome taste in their mouth as they ended on a 10-game losing streak.

Coach Gene Chizik's offense put up eye-popping numbers against the not-so-vaunted Wildcat defense, piling on 626 yards, with 440 of those and three scores coming from the right arm of Austen Arnaud; one of which was a 5-yarder to R.J. Sumrall on

the game's final play. Chizik said despite the loss, the future looks bright for the Cyclones, regardless of the double-digit losing streak.

"I think you take what you did well during the year and build upon that," Chizik said.

The inevitable exit of Prince at K-State ended on that positive note wanted by everyone associated with the Wildcat organization, and his farewell message was simple, blunt and heart-felt.

"We want to see Kansas State do well," Prince said. "Zoe and I will always be Wildcat fans."



To see an analysis of the football game visit our Web site.

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Wide receiver **Brandon Banks** attempts to hurdle an Iowa State defender Saturday during the Wildcats' 38-30 win over the Cyclones. Banks became the 23rd Wildcat to break the 1,000-yard milestone for receiving yards.

Jonathan Knight  
COLLEGIAN

## Big 12 champions show teamwork in win

By Britton Drown  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

During a game in which the 2008 Big 12 regular season championship was formally celebrated, the women's basketball team comfortably cruised to an 80-51 victory over the University of Texas - San Antonio Sunday afternoon.

Kari Kincaid led the Wildcats (3-0) in scoring with 17 points, and she stepped in to fill the role of point guard Shalee Lehning after an eye injury following the opening tip off.

"It was classic when Lehning went down, Kincaid was ready in an instant, to assume responsibility for running the basketball team," Coach Deb Patterson said.

The injury to Lehning's eye was minor and she returned to the game after receiving treatment from the K-State staff.

"It's just one of those things that took a minute for my eye to settle down," Lehning said.

With her first assist of the game, a long pass over the head of a UTSA defender to teammate Marlies Gipson for a two-point lay-up, Lehning broke the career assist record with 590 on her career.

"It's an honor," Lehning

said. "I wouldn't be here if my teammates weren't making the shots so really this is a credit to our entire team."

Lehning finished the game with 12 points and 13 assists for her 15th career double double, brining her career assist total to 602. UTSA jumped out to an early lead in the first half, gaining a lead of 9-2, however K-State quickly closed the gap and took a commanding 35-21 lead by the halftime break.

"It was more about us having the patience and giving ourselves an opportunity to establish rhythm," Patterson said "I'm not at all displeased with those first few minutes of the game."

Players from the conference championship team were recognized, and received their rings prior to the game. Patterson said that it was an emotional experience for herself and the players.

"To be in that locker room before we went out was very emotional for me," Patterson said. "But when I was able to see them in front of their fans and families receive their rings and think about that accomplishment, I just cant explain the feeling I had inside of me for these players."

The Wildcats begin at two game road trip starting Nov. 24.



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Guard **Kelsey Hill** goes up for a layup against a University of Texas-San Antonio defender Sunday afternoon. The Wildcats won the game 80-51 and improve their regular season record to 3-0.

## Men win on the road in Cleveland

By Staff report  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's basketball team took the show on the road for the first time this season as they traveled to play Cleveland State on Saturday night.

Both teams struggled at the beginning of the game. K-State (4-0) allowed two consecutive offensive rebounds to Cleveland State (1-2), but the Vikings were unable to score.

K-State was also unable to score in its first two possessions. The game remained tied at 0-0 until K-State guard Denis Clemente made a layup, nearly two full minutes into the game.

Clemente led the Wildcats in scoring with 16 points in their 69-59 victory.

The Wildcats took control of the game with a 15-3 run to end the first half giving them a 35-23 lead at halftime.

K-State came out strong in the second half; Clemente hit a 3-pointer to extend the Wildcats' lead.

But the Vikings would not go away. They closed the Wildcat lead to within three points on sophomore guard Eric Schiele's layup with 11:34 left in the second half.

Jamar Samuels answered with a pair of free throws and Darren Kent hit a 3-pointer. The Vikings were never able to get closer than five points the rest of the game.

Samuels and Jacob Pullen each scored 15 points and Kent was the first Wildcat of the season to get a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

During the game, K-State shot 44.7 percent from the field and 46.2 percent from behind the 3-point line. The Wildcats also shot a season-high 75 percent from the free throw line.

Next up for the Wildcats will be Oakland at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Bramlage Coliseum.



# EMS | Student balances EMS college classes

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Steele, who is a specialist in the Army, first became interested in EMS while he was working at the Coalition Medical Center in Iraq. After returning home, he made his first step toward a career in medicine by training to be an EMT. Today, Steele also studies pre-nursing and pre-physician assistance at K-State. Although he works part-time to accommodate his school schedule, time management isn't easy.

"It's flexible, challenging, and really tough to work in," said Steele, junior in life science. "It's also rewarding to work with the community; it's a great intrinsic reward."

Not only is EMS work time consuming, but Steele said training requires dedication and commitment. Training for an EMT-Intermediate, which is an advanced level of EMT certification, allows him to do invasive procedures like starting intravenous lines. The training consists of 260-330 hours of classroom instruction, laboratory practice, hospital room and ambulance experience, and a field internship. EMT-Paramedic training includes 1,100-1,500 hours of similar experience, including clinical rotations at a hospital. Upon completion of these programs, students receive certificates; a two-year associate degree in emergency medical services technology is also available.

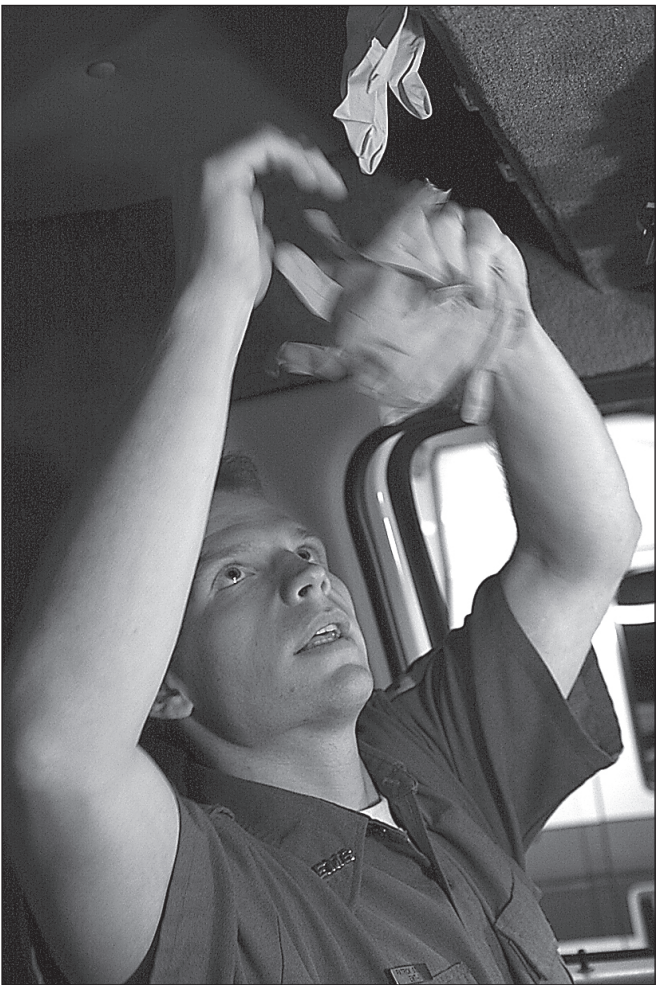


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Patrick Steele, junior in life science, works as a paramedic as well as being a full-time student at K-State. Though he works an irregular schedule, Steele said he enjoys his job.

# SNYDER | Stadium namesake to return

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college football thought impossible. He left with a 136-68-1 record and will replace the man who replaced him, Ron Prince, who was fired with three games left but finished out the season.

The school said only that the Monday news conference was to discuss the coaching situation.

Kansas City Chiefs safety Jon McGraw, who starred for Snyder from 1999-2001, said he spoke with his old coach several months ago and "got the feeling he missed being out of coaching."

"But it didn't occur to me he would want to come back," McGraw said.

Snyder was the offensive coordinator at Iowa when then-athletic director Steve Miller hired him after the 1988 season. The Wildcats had gone 0-21-1 their two previous years and many people were wondering if the school ought to give up major college football status.

The Wildcats had a record

of 299-510, the only major college with 500 losses. They'd won one conference title — in 1934 — and enjoyed only two winning seasons in 34 years.

But by 1997, Snyder had the Wildcats contending for national as well as Big 12 honors. As one long-suffering fan put it at the time, "It's like we're a big extended family that's been living in poverty for generations, but now we've got a smart uncle who's making us all rich."

When Snyder retired as the most revered figure in the school's athletic history, the stadium was renamed "Bill Snyder Family Stadium," and the highway leading from Interstate 70 into Manhattan was renamed "Bill Snyder Highway."

Prince, who replaced Snyder after the 2005 season, was 17-20 and beaten down by the same disadvantages that have plagued K-State for decades: no major population within a short distance to recruit from, little tradition and less money than more richly endowed institutions.

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# International Award recognizes 2 KSU professors



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The family and friends of El Frida Nafsinger accept the of International Educator Award on Nafsinger’s behalf. Two recipients were awarded the honor for their work in education in countries across the world.

**By Amelia Wiederaenders**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The distinguished International Educator Award was presented to two K-State professors on Friday. One of them was Ted Cable, professor of horticulture and forestry, and the other was the late El Frida Nafsinger, who taught at K-State for several years before her death last year. Both recipients excelled in their fields and achieved the criteria for receiving the award, which included creating programs for international education and promoting international exchanges here at K-State. The first recipient of the award, Ted Cable overwhelmingly achieved these goals with his work in more than thirty countries. He was the first of the K-State faculty to lead study abroad trips to Africa. In his travels, Cable recruited several students to attend K-State. Cable is also the Chair for the 2008 Vernon Larson International Lecture Series. The second recipient, El Frida Nafsinger, spent a lifetime devoted

ed to international friendship and awareness. She taught English all over the world, including in Finland. Nafsinger was also one of the founders of World Friendship. To receive her award for her were her sons Brian and Kevin Nafsinger and her husband Wayne. Selection committee chair Bill Richter said, “I think they’re both wonderfully deserving of the award.” Richter worked closely with both Nafsinger and Cable. “I’m glad we could honor both of them,” Richter said. Kristin Young, interim international provost agreed with Richter’s sentiments. “It was such a challenge. I was so glad I didn’t have to make the decision. It’s unbelievable what people are doing,” Young said. When his award was presented to him, Cable told the audience how happy he was to be selected for such an honor. Cable told the room, “[It’s] really a blessing to have my career here at Kansas State.”

# Volunteers help recycle after games

By Sydney Eagleton  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At the last four football games, a group of 30 to 40 students have volunteered to recycle. The student volunteers come to the stadium parking lots several hours before the games start and pass out bags to fill with recyclable trash. These students also stay after the games to clean the parking lots and inside the stadium. “It’s been really cool because it was a student initiative,” said Zack Pistora, junior in political science, who volunteered for Game Day Recycling. “The students came up with the idea to recycle at football games because there are mass quantities of recycled goods.” Volunteers were given two recycling vehicles from Facilities Services and two Gators from Telecom for collecting full bags, said John Woods, director of Facilities Services. The volunteers are also given bags to pass out and gloves for sorting the material. On the Sundays after home games, the volunteers gather at the recycling center and sort through hundreds of bags. “We’ve just had a really successful season I think and we kept getting better all the time,” Pistora said. “We’ve recycled more plastic and aluminum at these last four home games than the entire university did last year.” While the volunteers’ jobs mainly include cleaning up and making sure everything is recycled, it is just as important to educate people about recycling, Pistora said. Though there has been a lot of success with the initiative this semester, it is not a permanent solution for recycling at K-State, Pistora said. “It should be standard procedure that people should be getting paid to recycle because it’s the same as getting paid to clean up after the game,” Pistora said. “It’s hard work, it should be paid work. Hopefully next year we’ll get some sort of funding for doing what we do.” However, regardless of whether the position becomes a paid job or not, there will still be volunteers. “If they pay us or not, we’ll probably be doing it because it’s the right thing to do,” Pistora said.

# CARGILL | Money to help diversity

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before Cargill. The gift will help multicultural students, but Gordon said the gift will also help the entire student body. “All students at K-State will benefit from this gift because as research shows, greater campus diversity correlates with improved learning outcomes for everyone,” Gordon said. The contribution will fund several initiatives to enhance diversity for the next three years, according to the press release. Gordon said the gift will enhance diversity in the colleges of Agriculture, Business and Engineering, which are the three colleges from which Cargill recruits graduates. Gordon said the donation will also allow K-State to run College for a Day Institutes, which will introduce prospective multicultural students to the target disciplines. She said K-State will use the money to expand recruitment networks, offer scholarships and provide a summer bridge program. She also said K-State will provide enhanced advisement and professional development opportunities and strengthen the operation of the offices of diversity on campus. Gordon said diversity is important, not only to K-State, but also to Cargill because of its continual need to tap all talent pools and to diversify its workforce. “Every company is seeking a competitive edge and culturally competent, diverse employees give their employers a very definite edge,” Gordon said. Cargill places an emphasis on diversity and is excited about the donation.

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# Where to give:

With all the places to donate this season, knowing where to drop your items off can be simple. Your friends at the Collegian have scoured the area to find a few of the many places to go in town.

— compiled by Eric Davis



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**ABOVE:** While the Salvatrion Army on Poyntz is always accepting donations, they are in greater need because of the Holiday season. Salvation Army takes in a lot more than the boxes and the donations are usually tax deductible.



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**ABOVE:** At Wal-Mart there is this box just inside the front doors. The box is organized by Fort Riley and they are asking for unopened toys to give. There are boxes all over the base and at all Wal-Mart locations in Manhattan and Junction City.



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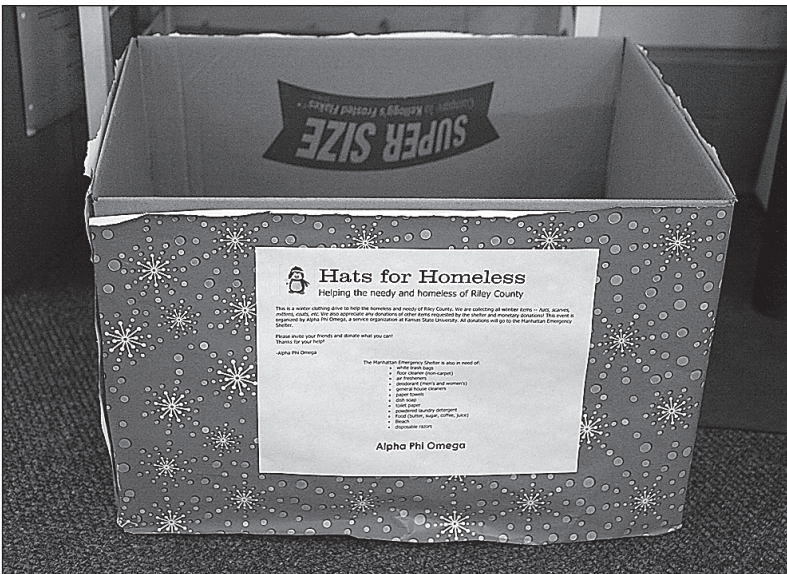
**ABOVE:** The Flint Hills Bread Basket is another area organization that is in need of donations this Winter. The Bread basket has boxes all over town but they are always looking for more donations.




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**ABOVE:** The Peters Recreation Center has an ongoing coat drive this Winter. They are asking for any coat that is no longer needed by its owner to be donated for those in need.

**RIGHT:** The Ray's Apple Market on Sixth Street teamed up with Alpha Phi Omega to accept donations for "Hats for the Homeless." The group is asking specifically for hats, but will take any items that will help the homeless.



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## Toys, time easy ways to give during the season, spend little

Most believe the holiday season isn't just about receiving gifts but also about giving them.

However, like with nearly everything else, the economy has made it more difficult for students to spare a dime from their budgets to give to their favorite causes and charities.

Fortunately, there are ways they can give back to their communities that won't empty their wallets completely.

### PERSONAL ITEMS

Giving items you already own but do not need can be a simple way to brighten someone else's holiday. If you have toys that are still in good condition, clothing you have outgrown or other items, it's usually not too difficult to find a local drop-off station so these items can be given to families who need them.

Often, local organizations promote gift drives. Just last week, Rec Services sponsored a coat drive in which students and faculty had the opportunity to drop off coats they did not need at Peters Recreation Complex.

Other departments on campus, like Animal Sciences and Industry, adopt families during the holidays and make sure they have food and gifts at this special time of year.

Students should keep a lookout for opportunities like these to give even a small item from their pantry to a family who needs it more.

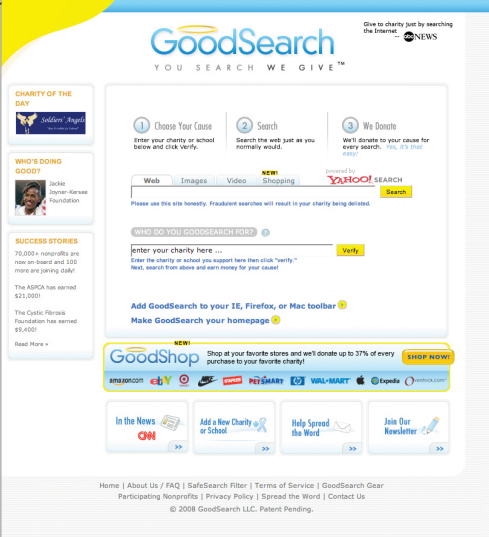


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### THRIFTY SHOPPING

If it's time for a new pair of jeans and you have a specific amount set aside for the purchase, it's easy to see how there isn't much left to go in the bell ringer's bucket outside the store.

However, holiday sales are relative-



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ly easy to find, and there is always the option of buying secondhand. Hunting down a good sale or making a great thrift-store find make shopping more exciting.

Besides, if you had set \$80 aside for a new purchase but bought shoes on sale for \$60, that leaves \$20 that can be donated to a charity of your choice.

### GIVING VALUABLE TIME

Sometimes, there's nothing more valuable than time. In weeks when we have three projects due, two tests and four essays to write, students have proved this is true.

It only makes sense that the same can be true during the holiday season. If you can give up an hour or two to help an elderly neighbor do chores, work at a coat drop-off station, ring a bell or sing Christmas carols in a hospital, you've provided a service.

If you can't afford to give \$10 to charity, then spend one available hour on a Saturday donating your time to help someone else.



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Standing in the entrance of Dillons Westloop on Anderson, **Clark Danner** merrily rings a bell for the Salvation Army. "I think the Salvation Army is one of the best charities there is," he said.

### OFFER AN E-HAND

As the economy has taken a downturn, Web sites are noticing — and many organizations have provided a way for people to give to others simply by searching the Internet by logging into MySpace.

The Give2Network has partnered with Yahoo! to offer online toolbars that — when used for searching — send donations to a specific charity. Users can download the toolbar at *Give2Network.com* and register or choose a charity. With links to Amazon, Staples and other online retailers, this means you can donate even while you finish up holiday shopping.

Similarly, *GoodSearch.com*, which is also powered by Yahoo!, donates 50 percent

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It boasts a list of more than 20,000 nonprofit organizations that have generated revenue when users simply use the site for searching.

### ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO HELP

While it sounds simple, sometimes the easiest way to give back is by encouraging others to do so as well. Once you have found a great way to volunteer or make a donation, pass it on.

Be a good example for your friends to follow this holiday season.

—Compiled by Jacque Haag

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## Holiday season a time to help those in need



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With Thanksgiving just a few days away, we can finally take a break and give our brains a well-deserved rest.

I know how easy it can be to use that time doing nothing but play “Star Wars Battlefront 2” but, given the holiday season and values my parents instilled in me I like to use this time to share what I have with others.

Mom and Dad were always very good about making sure their children knew what the holiday season meant. It is a great time to get toys and other cool gifts but those were always secondary to giving with my

family.

One year my mom and sister went over to a less fortunate family’s house and delivered a Christmas dinner. We couldn’t do that every year but it was fun when we could.

One of my favorite giving traditions was Operation Christmas Child and that was something we could do every year.

The idea is simple. Take an empty shoebox and fill it with cool toys that you would like to play with and the good people at Samaritan’s Purse send it to an impoverished area of the world.

The goal of Samaritan’s Purse is clear. According to their Web site they want to “help those in desperate need wherever we find them,” and that is the reason I love participating so much.

Even as an elementary schooler, I liked the idea. On our way to the store to fill the boxes, my mom and dad would make sure we knew what we were doing and why we were doing it.

“We have been blessed as a family and we need to share that with others,” my mom would always say.

We got to the store and we got to go right for the toy aisle and it was like Christmas morning. I got to bounce all the balls to find the best one, I got to crash all the cars into the wall to see which held up best and I pressed every single “try me” button. It was awesome.

The most important aspect of the selecting was figuring out what toys the receiver would like the best. For all I knew, these were the only toys he could ever get. They had to hit a home run.

When we got home, we put the toys in the box, wrapped it up and waited to take it to the donation area. One year, my sister’s Girl Scout troop worked at one of the collection points. I will always remember seeing the semi-trailer and thinking how awesome it would be to get that stuff.

So this year, if you’re looking for a new way to donate, check out Operation Christmas Child’s Web site. You’ll be glad you did.

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